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The second expert panel will discuss the ways to effectively promote essential components of the quality of life such as continuous labour market participation; active contribution to domestic tasks (including housework and caring for others); active participation of older persons in political, social and community life and active leisure. The promotion of later-life learning as a facilitator of active ageing will be considered, as well as that of volunteering for realizing the potential of older women and men. The panellists are expected to debate on how to guarantee non-discriminatory access to social and health services for older persons, and how to address in general the needs of older consumers and better protect their consumer rights. The role of education in raising awareness of ageing and its effect on perceptions and attitudes of the public and of media towards ageing and older people will be looked at.

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Mrs. Sacramento Pinazo Hernandis
Professor in Social Psychology, Coordinator of social psychological research on ageing, Valencia University, Spain

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Discussion and questions from the audience

16:00 – 16:30 Coffee Break